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SUBJECT: EARTHQUAKE SITUATION UPDATE, AUGUST 9

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1. PEKING EXPERIENCED MILD TRMORS AT ABOUT 1855 AUGUST 8
AND 0645 AUGUST 9 (LOCAL TIME). ACCORDING TO JAPANESE EMB
MATSUSHIRO SEISMOLOGICAL STATION MEASURED LATTER QUAKE AT
JUST UNDER 5 ON RICHTER SCALE AT EPICENTER. JAPANESE ALSO ADVISE THAT

CONTRARY TO THEIR EARLIER REPORT (REFTEL), THE SAME
STATION DETECTED FOUR TREMORS AUGUST 2-3. INTENSITY OF
ALL RECENT SHOCKS, HOWEVER, REMAINS LOW WHEN COMPARED
WITH INITIAL SHOCK JULY 28.

2. HEAVY RAINSTORM HERE AUGUST 7 LED TO SOME STRENGTHEN-
ING OF OUTDOOR SHELTERS YESTERDAY. SOME INFORMAL MOVEMENT
BACK INDOORS APPEARS TO BE CONTINUING, BUT USLO QUERY TO
MFA AUGUST 9 ELICITED REPLY THAT ALTHOUGH INSPECTIONS OF
DIPLOMATIC APARTMENTS ARE GOING ON, RESIDENTS ARE NOT
ENCOURAGED TO MOVE BACK IN UNTIL FURTHER NOTICE. (USLO
EMPLOYEES CONTINUE TO BUNK IN RESIDENCE AND OFFICE
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BUILDING.)

3. A NUMBER OF FOREIGN PATIENTS AT THE CAPITAL HOSPITAL HAVE BEEN MOVED TO TENTS IN THE FORBIDDEN CITY AREA. THIS HAPPENED AUGUST 7; REPORTEDLY AUTHORITIES HAD JUST DISCOVERED STRUCTURAL WEAKNESSES IN THE HOSPITAL BUILDING.

4. FOREIGNERS' MORALE RECEIVED A BOOST WITH THE REOPENING ON AUGUST 8 OF THE INTERNATIONAL CLUB SWIMMING POOL. THE POOL HAD BEEN CLOSED SOON AFTER THE JULY 28 EARTH-QUAKE. FOREIGN MINISTER CHIAO KUAN-HUA MADE A BRIEF VERY INFORMAL VISIT AT MID-DAY AUGUST 8 TO THE CANVAS-ROOFED TEMPORARY RESTURANT AT POOLSIDE. (HE EXCHANGED GREETINGS WITH A USLO OFFICER WHO HAPPENED TO BE LEAVING THE RESTAURANT AREA AT THE SAME TIME AS HE.)

5. RELATED INDUSTRY AND TRANSPORTATION DEVELOPMENTS BEING REPORTED SEPTTEL.
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